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(*d*) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Parry and Company are arranging to put up a plant for the manufacture of acetic acid;

(*e*) whether the Government have promised financial assistance to Messrs. Parry and Company and, if so, what the terms are on which such assistance has been offered;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that acetic acid can be manufactured from the fermentation of molasses to alcohol and by further oxidation to acetic acid; and

(*g*) whether any of the sugar factories in the Province have set up plants to convert molasses into alcohol and acetic acid and, if so, what the quantity produced in each factory is?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) (i) Inorganic acids: Sulphuric acid is the starting point in the production of heavy chemicals. The other acids are used for the manufacture of their derivatives. Hydrochloric acid is used in textiles, galvanizing, etc. Nitric acid is used in the manufacture of explosives and fertilizers and in refining gold;

(ii) Organic acids are used not only for manufacturing salts and derivatives which have vast industrial uses, but also in dyeing, rubber manufacture and in medicine;

" (*c*) (1) The Cordite Factory, Aruvankadu.

(2) & (3) No information.

(4) (A) East India Distilleries, Ranipet.

(B) Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation.

(5) No information.

(6) East India Distilleries, Ranipet.

The capacity in these cases is not known.

" (*d*) No information.

" (*e*) No.

" (*f*) Yes.

" (*g*) There is no information regarding the production of acetic acid in the sugar factories in this Province. The East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory at Nellikuppam is the only important distillery in this Province manufacturing rectified spirit at present.

The capacity of the factory is not known."

The average capital expenditure incurred on each student in secondary and in primary schools.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average estimated capital expenditure incurred on each student in secondary and in primary schools, taking into account the purchase price of the site; and the cost of building and equipment;

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(b) what proportion in each is met by Government grant; and

(c) whether the whole or a portion of the Government grant is met out of current revenues or loans?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"(a) This cannot be estimated with reference to any particular point of time and as the Honourable Member has not specified any period of time with reference to which the costs and averages are to be worked out, it is not possible to answer this clause of the question.

"(b) Generally grants for school buildings are limited to one half of the expenditure. In the case of sheds erected for providing accommodation to schools, in areas, where the scheme of compulsory elementary education has been introduced, the Government have agreed to make a full grant to cover the expenditure subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 per shed.

"(c) The expenditure on grants is generally met from the current revenues of the Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government at any time considered the question of financing expenditure on the sites, building, etc., out of loan funds?" 3-15 p.m.

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"Yes, Sir, already there is a provision under which if the non-recurring expenditure exceeds Rs. 5 lakhs, it may be allotted out of loans. Normally, that provision is not utilized."

Opening of a high school at Chipurupalli, Vizagapatam district.

* 22 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received representations from the people of the Chipurupalli taluk, Vizagapatam district, to open a high school at Chipurupalli;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no high school in the whole taluk;

(c) whether the Government have received information from the District Collector, Vizagapatam, that the High School Committee has already deposited Rs. 5,000 towards opening of a school; and

(d) when the Government propose to open a high school at Chipurupalli?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"(a) Yes.

"(b) Yes.

"(c) No.